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## **MANISTEE COUNTY REGIONAL SUMMIT COMMITTEE**

Friday, August 6, 2010  
11:30 A.M.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center  
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

### **AGENDA**

- 1) Connect Manistee Countywide Broadband Project - Gordon McLellan III
- 2) Discussion Regarding Regional Summit with Matt McCauley and/or Jaclyn Miel-Uken (Facilitators for the 2010 Regional Summit)
- 3) Discussion Regarding Regional Summit Agenda & Survey Responses (APPENDIX A)
- 4) Review Draft Regional Summit Invitation (APPENDIX B)
- 5) Schedule Next Meeting
- 6) Other Items from Committee Members
- 7) Adjournment

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# SURVEY RESPONSES

APPENDIX A

## **Are there items on the agenda that you feel are very important for discussion or that should not be discussed at the Regional Summit?**

- Unless healthcare changes are something all townships need to know I would say this topic belongs on the agenda. Otherwise please bear in mind most townships in Manistee County do not offer health insurance.
- Law enforcement & healthcare changes
- VERY IMPORTANT - Do we need the seven (7) Law Enforcement Agencies? If we check, we may have more law enforcers per population than anywhere in the world.
- I have been in township gov for 10 years. The countywide recycling keeps coming up. How much time, \$, is the county going to spend on this even though it keeps being rejected by large majority of townships. The facts are the # of sites would be reduced & cost way more!
- Important - Fairgrounds; Recycle

## **Are there items that are not on the agenda that you feel should be discussed at the Regional Summit?**

- Roads & Road Commission
- What has become of the Manistee Manufacturers Council?
- Do public workers need twelve (12) paid holidays? Do public workers deserve better benefits than the people that are paying them? Why do so many public workers also have contraction companies that compete with many private companies that need the work?
- Job growth (and I don't mean the green kind!). Industry - bringing new business here instead of turning it away. Tourists and snow-birds are great, but they aren't the ones that have kids in our schools, shop here in the winter & off seasons, nor do they vote in our communities. We need to think about the year round residents, the young families that struggle to stay here, that want to work for a living & not live off welfare.
- Countywide consolidation of fire protection services.

## **Do you have any comments on the timing of the schedule?**

- Healthcare put at the end of the day so those not concerned can leave.
- Looks good to me!
- The timing is good.

## **Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Regional Summit agenda?**

- Road Commission update for the County.
- The dot system needs to be changed! Each person should get only 1 dot - that will give a more accurate result for the top subjects. Otherwise, I've seen people put all 7 (or however many dots were given in past) dots on one subject - so if a few people do that, it's not giving a true result of what the group chooses as a top 10.

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Number of Responses: 7

# AGENDA

- 8:30 A.M. - Registration
- 9:00 A.M. - Opening Comments
- 9:15 A.M. - Gordon McLellan III  
Countywide Broadband
- 9:45 A.M. - Beth Yeack, Veterans Counselor  
Veterans Counselor Services
- 10:15 A.M. - BREAK
- 10:30 A.M. - Barry Lind, Airport Manager  
Update on Manistee County Blacker Airport
- 11:00 A.M. - Patrick Cudney, MSU Extension  
MSU Extension Update
- 11:30 A.M. - Jerry Peterson  
Road Commission Update
- 12:00 Noon - LUNCH
- 1:00 P.M. - Steve Fredricks & Brian Coté, Cadillac Insurance  
Healthcare Changes
- 1:30 P.M. - Mary Pitcher, Recycling Coordinator, AES  
Roundtable Discussion on Countywide Recycling
- 2:00 P.M. - BREAK
- 2:15 P.M. - Cyndy Fuller, Alliance for Economic Success  
Update on AES Activities
- 2:45 P.M. - Sheriff Dale Kowalkowski  
Law Enforcement Update
- 3:15 P.M. - Final Comments

On County Board Letterhead

Manistee County Proudly Presents  
**The Seventh Regional Summit**

Thursday, September 23, 2010  
8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
at  
Manistee Golf & Country Club  
500 Cherry Street, Manistee

**\*RESERVATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2010\***

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Who should attend?

Every elected official, as well as members of the public and businesses interested in healthcare, recycling, and the future of Manistee County.

Why should you attend?

The purpose of the Regional Summit is for all townships, villages and communities in Manistee County to come together to discuss and hear about issues that affect the entire County. Whether you have been involved in County government for many years or are fairly new, now is the time for all of us to come together for one common interest, to share and gain knowledge about each other, Manistee County and our great State of Michigan!

This will be an informative and educational opportunity for all who attend. If you would like to be an active participant in creating Manistee County's future, reserve your place now for this important gathering.

Call 231-398-3500 for more information or to make a reservation.

The cost is **\$15.00 per person** and includes lunch.

Make your check payable to: Manistee County

Please make your reservations no later than:  
Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Send this form and payment to:

Regional Summit  
ATTN: Controller/Administrator's Office  
Manistee County Courthouse  
415 Third Street  
Manistee, MI 49660

Names & Titles of Attendees:  
(Name tags will be made up ahead of time.)

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the  
County Controller/Administrator's Office at 231-398-3500.

(If necessary, payment may be made at the Summit or  
shortly after, but please send in your RSVP.)